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RETURN

OF

PROCEEDINGS

UNDER

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IRISH LAND COMMISSION.

MONTH OF FEBRUARY, 1892,

Summary of Proceedings under "The Land Law (Ireland) Acts, 1881 and 1887," up to the 29th day of February, 1892; also of Proceedings up to same date, under "The Labourers (Ireland) Acts, 1885—1886," and under "The Purchase of Land (Ireland) Acts, 1885, 1888, and 1891," and "The Redemption of Rent (Ireland) Act, 1891."

COURT OF THE IRISH LAND COMMISSION.

I.—Fair Rent.

(a.) In Court.

Applications under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1881," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court to 31st January, 1892, . .	173,052		Rents Fixed—		
Applications received in month of February, 1892, . .	165	173,217	By Chief Commission to 31st January, 1892, .	3,815	
Applications under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1881," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court, transferred from Civil Bill Courts, to 31st January, 1892,	8,396		„ in month of Feb., 1892,	4	3,819
Do. in month of Feb., 1892, . .	43	8,439	By Sub-Commissions to 31st January, 1892, .	144,053	
Applications by Leaseholders under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1887," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court to 31st January, 1892, ...	28,289		„ in month of Feb., 1892,	305	144,358
Applications received in month of February, 1892, . . .	51	28,350	Dismissed and struck out—		
Applications by Leaseholders under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1887," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court, transferred from Civil Bill Courts to 31st Jan., 1892, ...	1,245		By Chief Commission to 31st January, 1892, .	2,187	
Do. in month of Feb., 1892, . .	3	1,248	„ in month of Feb., 1892,	3	2,190
			By Sub-Commissions to 31st January, 1892, .	37,586	
			„ in month of Feb., 1892,	110	37,696
			Withdrawn*—		
			By Chief Commission to 31st January, 1892, .	4,982	
			„ in month of Feb., 1892,	10	4,992
			By Sub-Commissions to 31st January, 1892, .	8,789	
			„ in month of Feb., 1892,	20	8,809
Total, .	—	211,254	Total disposed of, .	—	201,864

(b.) Out of Court.

Agreements out of Court, in Form 33, fixing Fair Rent to 31st January, 1892, . . .	110,867
Do., do. in month of February, 1892, . . .	222
Total, . . .	111,089

* An application to fix a Fair Rent cannot be withdrawn without the consent of both Landlord and Tenant, and it may be inferred, where applications for leave to withdraw are made, that a rent has been agreed upon between the parties.

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II.—Miscellaneous Originating Notices.*

Miscellaneous Originating Notices (*e.g.*, Sale of Tenancies and Resumption of Holdings, &c.): Applications received to 31st January, 1892, . .	1,191		Number disposed of to 31st January, 1892,	2,042
Applications received in month of February, 1892,	11	1,202	„ in month of Feb., 1892, .	9
Miscellaneous Originating Notices (*e.g.*, Sale of Tenancies and Resumption of Holdings, &c.) transferred from Civil Bill Courts to 31st January, 1892, .	27			
Do. in month of Feb., 1892, . .	—	27		
Applications by Leaseholders to be declared Tenants of present tenancies (Form 81) received to 31st January, 1892, .	1,023			
Applications in month of Feb., 1892, ...	3	1,026		
Total, . . .	—	2,255	Total disposed of, . .	2,051

* The first notice of application to the Court, seeking its decision upon the true value of a tenancy, fair rent, avoidance of leases, or any other question which the Court has jurisdiction to decide under the Act, is termed an Originating Notice.

III.—Applications by Lessee or Grantee to have Lease or Grant executed since 1st January, 1869, declared Void ("Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1887,"—sec. 2.)—Form 80.

Number of Applications received to 23rd February, 1888, † .	55	Leases or Grants declared void to 31st January, 1892,	22	
		„ in month of Feb., 1892,	—	22
		Applications dismissed or struck out to 31st Jan., 1892, . . .	28	
		„ in month of Feb., 1892,	—	28
		Applications withdrawn or compromised to 31st Jan., 1892, . . .	3	
		„ in month of Feb., 1892,	—	3
Total, . . .	55	Total disposed of, .	—	53

† The time limited in the Act for lodging an Application of this kind expired on the 23rd February, 1888.

IV.—Applications by Middleman claiming to be entitled to surrender his Holding under sec. 8 of "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1887."—Form 83.

Number of Applications received to 31st Jan., 1892,	10		Applications granted to 31st Jan., 1892, . .	—
„ in month of Feb., 1892, . .	—	10	„ in month of Feb., 1892,	—
„ Transferred from Civil Bill Courts to 31st Jan., 1892, .	3		Applications dismissed or struck out to 31st Jan., 1892, . . .	8
„ in month of Feb., 1892, . .	—	3	„ in month of Feb., 1892,	1
			Applications withdrawn to 31st Jan., 1892, .	3
			„ in month of Feb., 1892,	—
Total, . .	—	13	Total disposed of, .	—

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V.—Proceedings under the Labourers (Ireland) Acts, 1885–1886.

Applications received to 31st Jan., 1892,	3,102	Rents fixed to 31st Jan., 1892,	2,571	
„ in Feb., 1892,	—	„ in Feb., 1892,	—	2,571
		Applications dismissed, struck out, and withdrawn to 31st Jan., 1892,	267	
		„ in Feb., 1892,	3	270
Total,	3,102	Total disposed of	—	2,841

VI.—Appeals *re* Fair Rents, &c.

Number of Appeals lodged to 31st Jan., 1892,	38,813	Number heard to 31st Jan., 1892,	16,538	
„ in month of Feb., 1892,	115	„ in month of Feb., 1892,	270	18,808
		Number dismissed or struck out to 31st Jan., 1892,	* 1,076	
		„ in month of Feb., 1892,	—	
			1,076	
		Deduct cases reinstated to 29th Feb., 1892,	275	801
		Number withdrawn to 31st Jan., 1892,	16,432	
		„ in month of Feb., 1892,	178	16,610
		Total Number disposed of,	—	34,219
		Remaining to be disposed of,	—	4,709
Total,	38,928	Total,	—	38,928

* In 645 cases the notices were struck out because maps were not lodged, as required by Rule 74, and in 431 cases because the notices were not duly stamped. Of the former 63 cases, and of the latter 212 cases, were reinstated.

VII.—Purchase of Land (Ireland) Acts, 1885 and 1888.

—	Number.	Amount.
		£
Loans applied for to 31st January, 1892,	29,335	11,378,932
„ in February, 1892,	—	—
	29,335	11,378,932
Deduct Applications refused,	2,640	1,017,028
	26,695	10,361,904
Loans sanctioned to 31st January, 1892,	22,711	9,006,173
„ in February, 1892,	331	77,864
	23,042	9,084,037
Loans issued to 31st January, 1892,	17,393	7,227,079
„ in February, 1892,	527	152,882
	17,920	7,379,961

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VIII.—Purchase of Land (Ireland) Act, 1891.

—	Number.	Amount.
		£
Loans applied for to 31st January, 1892,	303	130,256
„ in February, 1892,	180	62,436
	483	192,692
Loans sanctioned to 31st January, 1892,	—	—
„ in February, 1892,	8	6,136
	8	6,136
Loans issued to 31st January, 1892,	—	—
„ in February, 1892,	—	—
	—	—

IX.—Redemption of Rent (Ireland) Act, 1891.

Applications received to 31st January, 1892,	328	Consents to Redemption of Rent received and cases treated as Agreements to Purchase to 31st January, 1892,	43	
„ in February, 1892,	47	„ in February, 1892,	7	50
		Consents not received and cases treated as Applications to fix Fair Rents * to 31st January, 1892,	178	
		„ in February, 1892,	26	204
		Number of cases dismissed to 31st Jan., 1892,	2	
		„ in February, 1892,	1	3
		Number of cases struck out and withdrawn to 31st January, 1892,	2	
		„ in February, 1892,	—	2
Total,	375	Total disposed of,	—	259

* Applications treated as Fair Rent cases are also included in Fair Rent Table (a), page 8.

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CIVIL BILL COURTS.

MONTH OF FEBRUARY, 1892.

Summary of Proceedings under "The Land Law (Ireland) Acts, 1881 and 1887," as notified to the Irish Land Commission, up to the 29th day of February, 1892.

I. Fair Rent.

(a) *In Court.*

Applications under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1881," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court to 31st January, 1892, . .	25,702		Rents fixed to 31st January, 1892,	13,896	
Applications received in month of February, 1892, . . .	56	25,758	„ in month of February, 1892, . . .	64	13,960
Applications by Leaseholders under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1887," to have Fair Rents fixed to 31st January, 1892, .	3,755		Applications dismissed or struck out to 31st January, 1892, . . .	2,824	
Applications received in month of February, 1892, . . .	10	3,765	„ in month of February, 1892, . . .	14	2,838
Applications to fix Fair Rents in Civil Bill Courts under sec. 6 "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1887," when an ejectment is pending, to 31st January, 1892,	1,977		Applications withdrawn* to 31st January, 1892, .	300	
Applications received in month of February, 1892, . . .	8	1,985	„ in month of February, 1892, . . .	—	300
			Applications transferred to Irish Land Commission Court to 31st January, 1892, .	9,641	
			„ in month of February, 1892, . .	46	9,687
Total, . .	—	31,508	Total disposed of, .	—	26,785

(b) *Out of Court.*

Agreements out of Court, in Form No. 33, fixing Fair Rent to 31st January, 1892, . .	7,075
Do., do. in month of February, 1892, .	3
Total, ...	7,078

* An application to fix a Fair Rent cannot be withdrawn without the consent of both Landlord and Tenant, and it may be inferred, where applications for leave to withdraw are made, that a rent has been agreed upon between the parties.

II.—Miscellaneous Originating Notices.†

Miscellaneous Originating Notices (*e.g.*, Sale of Tenancies and Resumption of Holdings, &c.): Applications received to 31st January, 1892, . . .	433		Number disposed of to 31st January, 1892, .	185	
Applications received in month of February, 1892, .	4	437	„ in month of February, 1892, . .	5	190
Applications by Leaseholders to be declared Tenants of present Tenancies (Form 81), received to 31st January, 1892, . .	3		Transferred to Irish Land Commission Court to 31st Jan., 1892,	27	
Applications received in month of February, 1892,	—	3	Transferred in month of February, 1892, ...	—	27
Total, . .	—	440	Total disposed of, .	—	217

† The first notice of application to the Court, seeking its decision upon the true value of a tenancy, fair rent, avoidance of leases, or any other question which the Court has jurisdiction to decide under the Act, is termed an Originating Notice.

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III.—Applications by Lessee or Grantee to have Lease or Grant executed since 1st January, 1869, declared Void ("Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1887,"—sec. 2).—Form 80.

Number of Applications received to 23rd February, 1888,* . . .	6	Leases or Grants declared void to 31st Jan., 1892, .	—	
		„ in month of Feb., 1892,	—	—
		Applications dismissed or struck out to 31st Jan., 1892, . .	6	
		„ in month of Feb., 1892,	—	6
		Applications withdrawn or compromised to 31st January, 1892, .	—	
		„ in month of Feb., 1892,	—	—
		Applications transferred to Irish Land Commission Court to 31st January, 1892, .	—	
		„ in month of Feb., 1892,	—	—
Total, . . .	6	Total disposed of, .	—	6

* The time Limited in the Act for lodging an Application of this kind expired on the 23rd February, 1888.

IV—Applications by Middleman claiming to be entitled to surrender his Holding under sec. 8 of "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1887."—Form 83.

Number of Applications received to 31st January, 1892, . .	20	Applications granted to 31st Jan., 1892, . .	3	
„ in month of February, 1892,	—	„ in month of Feb., 1892,	—	3
		Applications dismissed or struck out to 31st Jan., 1892, . .	4	
		„ in month of Feb, 1892,	—	4
		Applications withdrawn to 31st January, 1892, .	1	
		„ in month of Feb., 1892,	—	1
		Applications transferred to Irish Land Commission Court to 31st January, 1892, .	3	
		„ in month of Feb., 1892,	—	3
Total, . . .	20	Total disposed of, .	—	11

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